







# Contract KDB200 – Kowloon Southern Link

# Environmental Monitoring and Audit

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

Based on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for the Kowloon Southern Link, the following findings were reported with regard to the groundwater tested (for the sampling points under the KDB200 Contract):

- Exceedances in cadmium and mercury over the TM-Water limits for locations KSD100/DHEPZ052 (Fire Station in Canton Road) and KSD100/DHE053 (West Kowloon Reclamation);
- (ii) Occasional exceedances in copper, lead and mercury over the Dutch C Levels for locations KSD100/DHEPZ052, KSD100/DHE053 and KSD100/DHE063 (industrial activities west Canton Road).
- (iii) No exceedance in Risk Based Screening Levels (to assess impact on health of construction workers) for all samples tested; remedial action of groundwater not considered necessary.

According to the requirements of the EIA Report and its subsequent Environmental Permit and Link 200 JV's Further Environmental Permit, and its pursuant Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) Manual under the KDB200 Contract, a Working Plan for the monitoring and treatment of groundwater (if groundwater quality levels are found to be above the ambient levels as defined by the Limit Levels during the dewatering process) from the dewatering processes shall be submitted to EPD for agreement.

The purpose of this Working Plan is to update groundwater quality information in the related works areas that have not been sampled before. As such, the proposed groundwater sampling points have been selected to be more focused at areas with potential groundwater intrusion during construction and close to the contaminated sites previously identified in section 8.4.1.6 of the EIA report (refer to **Appendix D**). Additionally, discussions were also provided for the proposed monitoring parameters, collection methods, and proposed mitigation measures (including number of treatment facilities, use of individual treatment facilities and their capacities).

This Working Plan sets forth the proposed procedures for baseline and impact monitoring of the groundwater for KDB200 Contract, as well as the respective well locations, and contains the following sections:

- Section 2: Background Information relating to groundwater, with selected relevant sections extracted from the EIA report;
- Section 3: Baseline Monitoring including monitoring parameters, collection methods, proposed monitoring locations and baseline results
- Section 4: Impact Monitoring including monitoring parameters, procedures, proposed well locations and proposed mitigation measures (including number of treatment facilities, use of individual treatment facilities and their capacities).

Section 5: Conclusion

The groundwater monitoring of KDB300&400 would be detailed in a separate Working Plan (to be submitted by others and not under this Contract).

# 2 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The following sections are extracted from the EIA report with reference to information specific to groundwater pollution and monitoring.

#### "8.4 Construction Water Quality Impact

The site will be maintained by good site practices and there will be no direct discharge of wastewater into the Victoria Harbour during the construction phase. Hence, quantitative water quality dispersion modelling is considered not necessary. Other water quality issues relevant to the construction phase are described in the following sections.

#### 8.4.1.5 Groundwater Seepage

The WKN and the tunnels from WKN to NAC will be constructed by cut and cover using Dwall technique (see Chapter 4). This construction methodology can minimise the intrusion of groundwater during excavation. D-wall technique involves excavation of a narrow trench that is kept full of slurry, which exerts hydraulic pressure against the trench walls and acts as a shoring to prevent collapse. Slurry trench excavations can be performed in all types of soil, even below the ground water table.

The construction usually begins with the excavation of discontinuous primary panels of typically up to 6m long and down to the rockhead. In order to provide an effective cut-off to ground water flow, the walls will need to be toe grouted. Once the excavation of a panel is completed, a steel reinforcement cage will be placed in the centre of the panel. Concrete is then poured in one continuous operation. Once the primary panels are set, secondary panels will be constructed between the primary panels and the process then repeats to create a continuous wall. It should be noted that this slurry trench method will reduce the gap between the panels to the practicable minimum. After this, soil excavation is therefore considered insignificant.

For the tunnels to the south of WKN, bored tunnelling will be adopted along Canton Road, except for some locations (e.g. TBM launching / construction access shaft, CRPB, tunnel section along Salisbury Road, etc as described in Chapter 4) which will be constructed by cut-&-cover. Ground treatment (e.g. grouting) will be carried out along Canton Road prior to bored tunnelling. The intrusion of groundwater during bored tunnelling would therefore be insignificant.

#### 8.4.1.6 Groundwater from Contaminated Area

Potential land contamination areas are identified in the vicinity of the study area including the TST Fire Station, the former shipyard sites within the West Kowloon Reclamation, Canton Road Government Office, Tai Kok Tsui petrol filling station at Skyway House and the factory building at Shum Mong Road.

Site investigations were conducted between Oct 2002 and Feb 2003. Ground water table was found at about 1-2m below the ground level. The locations of the collected groundwater samples are shown in Figure 8-2. Some of the water samples show certain degree of contamination as described in the following sections.







(a) Groundwater Analytical Results

Table 8-3 shows the measurement results for the groundwater samples taken from 5 drillholes. Heavy metals (including Cd, Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn, Hg, As, Ba, Co, Mo and Sn), BTEX, cyanide, PAH, Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH) and dioxin were tested.

Estimation indicates that the amount of groundwater generated during dewatering will be around  $580m^3$  per day, which is corresponding to the flow band of  $400 - 600m^3$  / day listed in the TM-Water.





Table 8-3 : Comparison between contaminants and TM-Water effluent discharge criteria									
Parameters		Maximum Con		TM-Water Effluent limit for inshore waters of VHWCZ (mg/L)	Reporting Limit (μg/L) <sup>ι5]</sup>				
	KSD100/DHE063	KSD100/DHEPZ052	KSD100/DHEPZ113	KSD100/DHE053	KSD100/DHE120 <sup>[3]</sup>	400 – 600 m³ / day			
рН	7.89	8	7.4	7.2	7.7	6-9			
Temperature °C	22.4	20.4	19.1	19.8	26.9	< 40°C			
ТРН С6 – С9	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020				
ТРН С10–С14	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050		20 –25		
ТРН С15 – С28	0.115	<0.1	0.13	<0.1	0.11				
ТРН С29 – С36	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	0.321				
Dioxin (pg/L)	0.04				0.019		10 pgL		
Cd	< 0.0002	0.0013	0.0005	<0.0002	0.0005	0.001			
Cr	0.006	0.043	0.051	0.0071	0.0043	0.7			
Си	0.4	0.230	0.330	0.340	0.055	0.7			
Ni	0.0035	0.023	0.027	0.0057	0.0081	0.7			
Pb	0.013	0.210	0.210	0.0051	0.061	0.7			
Zn	0.130	0.270	0.29	0.053	0.037	0.7			
Hg	< 0.0005	0.0016	0.0029	0.0025	<0.0005	0.001			
As	<0.010	0.021	0.015	<0.010	<0.010	0.7			
Ba	0.130	0.35	0.35	0.110	0.120	2.7			
Со	0.0045	0.016	0.017	0.0048	<0.001				
Мо	0.015	0.019	0.017	0.026	0.0079				
Sn	0.0053	0.124	0.074	0.0074	0.011				
Total Cyanide (µg/L)	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05				
PAH <sup>I8]</sup> (µg/L)	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5	< 0.5		0.1 – 1 (Low molecular weight) 0.02 – 0.1 (High molecular weight)		



Parameters		Maximum Con	TM-Water Effluent limit for inshore waters of VHWCZ (mg/L)	Reporting Limit (µg/L) <sup>[5]</sup>			
	KSD100/DHE063	KSD100/DHEPZ052	KSD100/DHE120 <sup>[3]</sup>	400 – 600 m³ / day			
Benzene (µg/L)	< 2	< 2	< 2	< 2	< 2		
Ethylbenzene (µg/L)	< 2	< 2	< 2	< 2	< 2		
Toluene (μg/L)	< 2	< 2	< 2	< 2	< 2		1
Meta- & Para Xylene (µg/L)	< 4	< 4	< 4	< 4	< 4		
Ortho Xylene (µg/L)	< 2	< 2	< 2	< 2	< 2		

*Note* [1]: Bolded letters indicate exceedance in discharge limits at flow band of 400 –600m<sup>3</sup>/day.

[2]: KSD100/DHEPZ052: Fire Station in Canton Road;

KSD100/DHE053: West Kowloon Reclamation (replaced adjacent drillhole KSD100/DHE056); KSD100/DHEPZ113: Petrol station in Skyway House;

KSD100/DHE120: Former shipyard site in West Kowloon Reclamation Area; KSD100/DHE063: industrial activities west Canton Road

[3]: There will be no groundwater discharge from DHE120 as there will only be at-grade rail works

[4]: ProPECC Note 3/94: Contaminated Land Assessment and Remediation

[5]: According to TM-Water, the chemicals concentration for TPH, dioxin, BTEX and PAH should be below the Reporting limit. Discharges of PCB, PAHs, petroleum oil, pesticide and toxicant into foul sewers, inland waters and coastal waters are prohibited. As the presence of these chemicals is not known at this stage, the groundwater cannot be discharged to the stormwater or foul sewer directly.



It can be seen from the above table that the maximum temperature of the samples are less than 40 °C and the pH of the samples are in the range of 6-9, which comply with the standards stipulated in TM-Water. In addition, the concentration of Cr, Ni, As, Cu, Pb, Zn, and Ba are well below the TM-Water limits. However, exceedances in heavy metals (Cd and Hg) contents are observed at locations KSD100 / DHEPZ052 (Fire Station in Canton Road), KSD100 / DHE053 (West Kowloon Reclamation), and KSD100/DHEPZ113 (Petrol station in Skyhouse).

#### (b) <u>Impact on health of construction workers</u>

The Dutch ABC Values for groundwater are based on the use of groundwater for potable supply. As this is rarely the case in Hong Kong, the Dutch B Values are not necessarily appropriate for assessing the requirement of groundwater remediation, particularly within urban areas where there may be numerous diffuse sources of historical contamination within the vicinity. Hence, the Dutch C values are used for assessment.

When comparing the groundwater with the Dutch levels, 4 groundwater samples exceed the Dutch C Levels. The analytical results exceeding the Dutch C Levels are given in Table 8-4.

Drillhole reference	Depth (mbgl)	Contaminant	Concentration (µg/L)	Dutch C Limit (µg/L)
	Q Лт	Copper	230	200
KJD100/DITLF20J2	0.011	Lead	210	200
	6 5m	Copper	340	200
KSD100/DHE033 <sup>14</sup>	0.3111	Mercury	2.5	2
KSD100/DHE063	3.0m	Copper	400	200
		Copper	330	200
KSD100/DHEPZ113	6.5m	Lead	210	200
		Mercury	2.9	2

 Table 8-4 : Summary of groundwater samples exceeding Dutch C Level

Notes:

[1] According to the record for Drillhole KSD100/DHE056 (see Figure 2 of Appendix 10-2), there is distributed marine deposit starting from approximately 5.8m deep. The on-site Contamination Specialist decided to take soil samples at 0.5, 1 and 3m deep. This drillhole was backfilled after sampling. However, the amount of groundwater collected before backfilling of the borehole was found to be insufficient for the required analytical testing. As such, groundwater was collected at an adjacent Drillhole KSD100/DHE053 (835327m easting and 818111m northing) as determined by the on-site Contamination Specialist.

The groundwater analytical results indicate occasionally elevated concentrations over the Dutch C level of metals including copper, lead and mercury. Such results are not considered unusual for groundwater in urban areas, where there are numerous potential diffuse sources of contamination. Free product was not observed in any of the samples or drillholes.

The impact of groundwater on the health of construction workers is based on the Dutch C Value as a screening tool, followed by a risk assessment approach where elevated concentrations of contaminants are present. The assessment methodology is given in the Contamination Assessment Report in Appendix 10-2. Table 8-5 below summarizes the Risk Based Screening Levels (RBSL) for each contaminant. Specific values for the sources of reference for individual factors are given in Appendix 10-2.



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Contaminants	THQ	Risk	<i>RfD</i> <sub>0</sub>	SF <sub>0</sub>	BW	ATn	ATc	IR	ED	EF	RBSL (µg/L)
Copper	1		0.005		60	5		0.02	5	312	17500
Lead		0.0004		0.28	60		70	0.02	5	312	70200
Mercury	1		0.0001		60	5		0.02	5	312	351

Note [1]: THQ-Taget Hazard Quotient for chemical Risk- Taget excess individual lifetime cancer risk RfD<sub>0</sub>-Chronic Oral Reference dose SF<sub>0</sub>- Carcinogenic slope factor BW-Body Weight AT<sub>n</sub>-Averaging time for non-carcinogens AT<sub>c</sub>-Averaging time for carcinogens IR-Water Ingestion Rate ED-Exposure Duration EF-Exposure Frequency RBSL-Risk-Based Screening Level for Groundwater

Although the contamination of groundwater exceeds Dutch C level, none of the samples exceed the calculated RBSL for construction workers. Hence, remedial action of groundwater is not considered necessary.

#### 8.4.2.4 Groundwater from Contaminated Areas

Direct discharge of groundwater is not adopted. Contaminated groundwater from dewatering process should be recharged back into the ground at the discharged wells in the stockpile areas or temporary work areas as shown in Figure 8-3. The groundwater recharging wells will be selected at places where the groundwater quality will not be affected by the recharge operation as indicated in Section 2.3 of the TM-Water.

The Contractor shall perform ambient measurements on the groundwater quality at the WKN and the cut-&-cover tunnel to the north of WKN with reference to ProPECC PN3/94 "Contaminated Land Assessment and Remediation", prior to the selection of the recharge wells; and submit a working plan to EPD for agreement. The measurement data of the groundwater will serve as the baseline and the pollutant levels of the groundwater to be recharged shall be measured and not be higher than the baseline measurement at the recharge well.

Apart from the mitigation measures mentioned in S8.4.2.1 and S8.4.2.2, the following additional mitigation measures are proposed to minimize the release of contaminants:

- *Free products shall be removed by installing the petrol interceptor prior to recharge;*
- Groundwater monitoring wells will be installed to monitor the effectiveness of the recharge wells. The locations of the monitoring wells will be near to the recharge points. During the recharge period, the groundwater level at the monitoring well shall be monitored to ensure that there is no likelihood of locally risen groundwater level and transfer of pollutants beyond the site boundary. Details of groundwater monitoring are given in the EM&A Manual.

In addition, before excavation, the Contractor shall update the extent of potential groundwater contamination by collecting more groundwater samples along the alignment. The effluent limits and reporting limits are shown in Table 8-3. The Contractor should apply for a discharge licence under the WPCO through the Local Control Office of EPD for groundwater recharge operation.



# **3 BASELINE MONITORING**

## 3.1 General

The requirements set forth in the EM&A Manual stated that:

- "Prior to construction, ambient ground water quality measurements will be conducted for the WKN and the cut-&-cover tunnel to the north of WKN. The parameters and the associated reporting limits/TM-Water limits as shown in Table 3-1 should be adopted. Groundwater sampling will be undertaken daily for 7 days. Where the concentrations of parameters exceed the relevant limits, the groundwater should be recharged within the site (during the dewatering process).
- The locations of the recharge wells shall be determined on the basis that the pollutant levels of the groundwater to be recharged shall not be higher than the baseline at the recharge well. Monitoring wells shall be selected near to the recharge points and at site boundaries. A control well shall also be selected within the site.
- A working plan shall be submitted to EPD for agreement prior to selection of the recharge wells.
- A limit level shall be developed based on the ambient water quality measurements."

## 3.2 Monitoring Parameters

Per the EIA requirements, the chemical testing of groundwater should be carried out to update the groundwater quality. Following the principle adopted for land contamination of the EIA study, confirmatory testing for groundwater should only include chemical parameters that have previously been identified in the approved EIA Report. It has been noted that there was no land usage of the site area since the EIA study. Potential contamination activities at the site area have not been observed or reported.

The characteristics of groundwater identified in the EIA Report are summarized below:

- EIA sampling points KSD100/DHE052 and KSD100/DHE053

Cadmium (Cd) and mercury (Hg) levels exceeded the TM-Water Effluent discharge limits, whilst TPH results were not conclusive.

- EIA sampling points KSD100/DHE063

Cadmium (Cd) and mercury (Hg) levels exceeded the TM-Water Effluent discharge limits, whilst TPH results were not conclusive (It should be noted that the TM-Water does not provide effluent discharge limits for TPH).

Types of contamination recorded at all three sampling points confirmed that the characteristics of groundwater along the alignment was consistent. This justified the proposed testing for identified parameters to update the groundwater quality within the site areas.



The testing parameters and reporting limits are shown in **Table 3-1** (with reference to the Table 8-3 of the approved EIA report). Testing will be undertaken by a HOKLAS accredited laboratory with individual HOKLAS accredited methods. The reference methods are shown in **Appendix A**. The groundwater levels shall also be recorded.

Table 3.1	Groundwater	Testing	Parameters	and Re	porting	Limits	

Parameters	Reporting Limit ( $\mu$ g/L)
TPH C10 – C14	25
TPH C15 – C28	25
TPH C29 – C36	25
Cd	1
Cu	1
Hg	0.5

Note:

[1]: The effluent limits for inshore waters apply to the discharge of uncontaminated groundwater to storm drain only.

## 3.3 Collection of Samples

Groundwater samples at each monitoring location have been collected using either a Telfon bailer (disposable) or a PVC bailer (which will be decontaminated using nonphosphate detergent). The groundwater samples were transferred to clearly labelled and pre-cleaned sample containers with necessary preservatives immediately after collection. Sufficient quantity of samples has been collected for all laboratory analyses. After collection, the groundwater samples were stored at 0-4°C and delivered to the laboratory within 24 hours under proper chain-of-custody system. There was zero headspace when sampling for volatile chemicals.

#### 3.4 Baseline Monitoring Locations

As required in the Environmental Mitigation Implementation Schedule (Appendix to the EIA and the EM&A Manual) and in EIA Reference S.8.4.2.4, the groundwater samples should be taken at the West Kowloon Station, and to the north of the station in the cut and cover section. Furthermore, the groundwater quality will be defined along the alignment, along with a control station.

As stated in the EIA Report Section 8.4.1.5, diaphragm walls would be constructed either side of excavation along the alignment and would prevent migration of groundwater. Therefore, sampling locations would concentrate within the alignment. No excavation would be carried out outside either side of the diaphragm walls.

As shown in the Figure in **Appendix B**, previous groundwater results are currently available for three locations within the KDB200 project, namely KSD100/DHE052, KSD100/DHE053 and KSD100/DHE063, in which KSD100/DHE052 and KSD100/DHE053 were located around the launching shaft. To supplement the groundwater condition at TBM launching shaft, an additional sampling point (S1) in launching shaft which relates to DHE052 and DHE053 has been proposed. The testing parameters focused on cadmium, mercury and copper which were found to exceed or be close to the discharge limit in the EIA, as well as TPH (C10-C14, C15-C28 and C29-C36) which were not conclusive in the EIA report.

Similarly, for sampling points S2 and S3 (close to DHE063), cadmium, mercury, copper and TPH C10-C14, C15-C28 and C29-C36 were tested.





Moreover, to address the purpose of the Working Plan as mentioned in Section 1, more sampling points have been proposed to update the groundwater quality information in the related works areas that have not been sampled before. On this basis the following locations were considered for groundwater sampling, testing and defining the baseline (see **Appendix B**):

- 1 no. control point near the site boundary to determine the current site conditions and to act as a control if and when any recharging commences – Point C. Monitoring parameters included Cd, Hg, Cu and TPH (C10-C14, C15-C28 and C29-C36).
- 1 location within the launching shaft area, adjacent to the previous locations of DHE52 and DHE53 in the EIA Report – Point S1. Monitoring parameters included Cd, Hg and Cu and TPH (C10-C14, C15-C28 and C29-C36). The purpose of this sampling point was to determine the groundwater quality within the area (Area 1) as shown in Appendix B.
- 2 locations in WKN (inside station), on either side of the previous location DHE063 in the EIA Report – Points S2 & S3. Monitoring parameters included Cd, Hg, Cu and TPH (C10-C14, C15-C28 and C29-C36). The purpose of these sampling points was to determine the groundwater quality within Area 2 as shown in Appendix B.
- 1 location in the cut and cover section North of WKN (inside station) Point S4. Monitoring parameters included Cd, Hg, Cu and TPH (C10-C14, C15-C28 and C29-C36). The purpose of this sampling point was to determine the groundwater quality within Area 3 as shown in Appendix B.
- Baseline data was also undertaken at the recharge well, Point R, as shown in Appendix B. This recharge well has been chosen on the basis that contaminated soil was previously found at point KSD100/DHE063, and therefore, deemed appropriate to locate the recharging well as close as possible to this location. In addition, two monitoring wells M1 & M2 were also proposed as shown in Appendix B. Monitoring parameters included Cd, Hg, Cu and TPH (C10-C14, C15-C28 and C29-C36).

It has been considered that the purpose of the Groundwater Monitoring Plan has been fulfilled by taking cognisance of the previous EIA results in combination with the additional sampling points provided above.

# 3.5 Baseline Monitoring Programme

Sampling at well points S1 - 4, M1 - 2, C and R was carried out for seven consecutive days.

# 3.6 Reporting

#### 3.6.1 Collection of Samples

Ambient monitoring has been conducted at Point S1, S2, S3, S4, C, R, M1 and M2 for seven consecutive days (between February and May 2006).



Groundwater samples at these monitoring locations were collected using a PVC bailer. The groundwater samples were transferred to clearly labelled and pre-cleaned sample containers for immediate delivery to the laboratory within 24 hours under proper chain-of-custody system.

**Table 3-2** summarises the range of ambient results for each monitoring point and the detailed results are shown in **Appendix E**.

Monitoring Point	Coordinates	Water Level (range in mbgl)	Cd (range in μg/L)	Cu (range in μg/L)	Hg (range in μg/L)	TPH C10-14 (range in μg/L)	TPH C15-28 (range in μg/L)	TPH C29-36 (range in μg/L)
S1	835317, 818134	3 – 3.2	<1	1-2	<0.5	<25	<25 - 50	<25
S2	835273, 818236	2 – 2.4	<1	<1 -25	<0.5	<25	78 - 433	<25 - 277
S3	835243, 818296	1.1 – 1.7	<1	2 - 27	<0.5	<25 - 62	75 - 403	<25 - 316
S4	835140, 818513	1.2 – 1.7	<1	<1 - 3	<0.5	26 - 60	129 – 461	<25 – 857
С	835201, 818009	1.4 – 2.7	<1	<1 - 10	<0.5	<25	75 - 201	44 – 227
R	835240, 818240	1.2 – 2.7	<1	<1 - 2	<0.5	<25 - 60	86 - 237	25 – 120
M1	835194, 818192	2.4 – 2.5	<1	1 - 2	<0.5	<25	81 - 129	48 - 94
M2	835118, 818282	2.4 – 2.9	<1	<1-1	<0.5	<25	107 - 252	28 – 115

Table 3.2	Ambient	Results	for G	roundwa	iter Mo	onitorina

Note:

\*mbgl denotes for meter below ground level

The above ambient results show the range between the minimum and maximum values obtained in the seven consecutive days monitoring periods.

#### 3.6.2 Groundwater Quality for Area 1

As discussed, previous groundwater results (EIA) are currently available for three locations within the KDB200 project, namely KSD100/DHE052, KSD100/DHE053 and KSD100/DHE063, in which KSD100/DHE052 and KSD100/DHE053 were located around the launching shaft. To supplement the information on groundwater conditions at the TBM launching shaft, an additional sampling point (S1) in the launching shaft which relates to DHE052 and DHE053 was proposed to update groundwater quality for Area 1 (see **Appendix B**). The testing parameters focused on cadmium, mercury and copper as well as TPH which either exceeded or were close to the discharge limit or were inconclusive in the EIA.

The results for the testing of the samples collected at Point S1 (presented in **Appendix E**) show that all the monitoring parameters including Cd, Hg, Cu and TPH (C10-C14, C15-C28 and C29-C36) are below or equal to the detection limits, and also comply with the TM-water effluent discharge limits.

The results for the heavy metals tested, i.e., Cd, Hg, and Cu, were also compared to the Dutch C levels, and all are reported to be below the stated levels (Cd {10  $\mu$ g/L}, Hg {2  $\mu$ g/L}, Cu {200  $\mu$ g/L}).





#### 3.6.3 Groundwater Quality for Area 2

The results for the testing of the samples collected at Point S2 (presented in **Appendix E**) show no exceedances in TM-Water discharge limits. Similarly, for Point S3, there are no exceedances in TM-Water discharge limits.

The results for the heavy metals tested, i.e., Cd, Hg, and Cu, were compared to the Dutch C levels, and all are reported to be below the stated levels (Cd {10  $\mu$ g/L}, Hg {2  $\mu$ g/L}, Cu {200  $\mu$ g/L}).

#### 3.6.4 Groundwater Quality for Area 3

The results for the testing of the samples collected at Point S4 (presented in **Appendix E**) show no exceedances in TM-Water discharge limits.

The results for the heavy metals tested, i.e., Cd, Hg, and Cu, were also compared to the Dutch C levels, and all are reported to be below the stated levels (Cd {10  $\mu$ g/L}, Hg {2  $\mu$ g/L}, Cu {200  $\mu$ g/L}).

## 4 IMPACT MONITORING

## 4.1 Monitoring Parameters

The following parameters should be monitored during the re-charging of groundwater:

- water level at the monitoring wells and recharge wells;
- water quality (parameters would follow those for baseline monitoring) at the monitoring wells and control well, and
- water quality (parameters would include TPH (C10-C14, C15-C28 and C29-C36)) of the recharging groundwater.

## 4.2 Monitoring Procedure

The groundwater samples shall be collected following the procedure mentioned in *Section 3.3.* During the re-charging of groundwater, water level should be monitored on a daily basis, while water quality should be measured on a weekly basis to ensure that the water levels at the site boundary and the pollution levels will not increase significantly, and to ensure that there is no transfer of pollutants beyond the site boundary.

## 4.3 Suggestion for Well Locations

#### **Control Well Locations**

As stated in the EM&A Manual Reference S.5.6.3, a control well is required within the site. No guidance is given on the location. However, using the principle that the control station should not be directly influenced by the works, it is reasonable to suggest this well be located near the site boundary of KDB200 as shown in **Appendix B.** 





As shown in **Appendix E**, the maximum values reported for TPH (C10-C14, C15-C28 and C29-C36) are <25  $\mu$ g/L, 201  $\mu$ g/L and 227  $\mu$ g/L, respectively.

#### Recharge Well Locations

Contaminated groundwater from the dewatering processes will be recharged back into the ground via a series of recharge wells. The recharge wells are required to be located at places where the groundwater quality will not be affected by the recharge operation. In order to fulfill the requirements of the EIA and the EM&A Manual, a series of measurements will be taken at various key locations to determine groundwater quality, prior to the selection of the recharge wells. The data collected will serve as the baseline of the groundwater to be recharged. As mentioned previously in S3.4, the prevailing site conditions and work programme will also prevail in determining the locations.

Based on the existing results from the previous EIA report, a recharge well, Point R, has been proposed as shown in **Appendix B**. This recharge well has been chosen on the basis that contaminated soil was previously found near point KSD100/DHE063, and therefore it is deemed appropriate to locate the recharge well as close as possible to this location. Based on the baseline monitoring results in **Appendix E**, the maximum values reported for TPH (C10-C14, C15-C28 and C29-C36) are 60  $\mu$ g/L, 237  $\mu$ g/L and 120  $\mu$ g/L, respectively.

#### Monitoring Well Locations

Groundwater monitoring wells will be installed to monitor the effectiveness of the recharge wells. The EIA Report and EM&A Manual state these should be located close to the recharge wells and at the site boundary. Works would dictate the practicability of the final locations. During the recharge period, the groundwater and the quality of groundwater at the monitoring wells shall be monitored to ensure that there is no likelihood of locally risen groundwater level and transfer of pollutants beyond the site boundary.

For the proposed recharge well, two monitoring wells, (Point M1 and M2) has been proposed and shown in **Appendix B**, with their respective baseline parameters reported in **Appendix E**.

## 4.4 Mitigation Measures

The associated limit levels – baseline levels are tabulated in **Table 4-1**. The amount of groundwater generated from the station area during dewatering will be up to  $617m^3$ /day. The EIA has previously established that if groundwater is found to be uncontaminated, it could be subject to pretreatment via a sediment tank to remove excess silt and subsequently be discharged to the public drainage system. If disposed in this manner, the effluent limits shall be made reference to the limits for inshore waters of Victoria Harbour WCZ.

However, for the purposes of this Working Plan and based on the results obtained for the baseline samples in **Appendix E**, groundwater abstracted as part of the dewatering works will be required to be recharged within the site. For the groundwater from the KDB200 site, a comparison of the water quality results in **Appendix E** indicates that there are significant variances in the TPH readings (over the 7 sampling days), while no exceedances of the Dutch C and TM-Water discharge limits for heavy metals have been observed.





Baseline results have shown that trace levels of TPH have been observed, with variances in the daily readings as mentioned above and are not restricted or focussed in specific areas. It is suspected that these low levels of TPH, which are entirely consistent with expected background urban groundwater quality, may be caused by the presence of potential diffusing source(s) within the Tsim Sha Tsui/Jordan areas. Background information indicates a similar profile in variability of TPH in other parts of the site.

In line with the requirement of the EIA, the basis of employing treatment facilities will depend on the values of the baseline at the extraction wells and recharge wells. If any baseline values at the extraction wells exceed the proposed limit levels at the recharge well, it is conceded that the extracted groundwater will be subject to the appropriate treatment prior to recharging. Using the same principal, if the baseline values at the extraction wells do not exceed the proposed limit levels at the recharge well, then no treatment facilities will be provided. Based on the results of the baseline samples reported in Appendix E, groundwater from S1 will normally not need any treatment while groundwater from S2 to S4 will need to be subjected to treatment, i.e., silt removal and carbon filters, prior to being recharged into Recharge Point R. A carbon filter will be placed at the Recharge Point R, so all recharge water will be subjected to treatment even though it may not be required based on the aforesaid principal. As no "free products" were observed in the test results of the collected samples, no petrol interceptor is proposed. For the dewatering rate from the station area as mentioned above, one (1) unit of the activated carbon filter treatment system shall be provided, with a capacity of 40 cubic meter per hour. Specifications for this treatment unit are provided in Appendix C.

The Contractor's handling of groundwater during the dewatering and subsequent recharge will not introduce any additional chemical contamination into the groundwater. In case the water levels and the pollutant levels of groundwater increase significantly, the Event and Action Plan shown in **Table 4-2** should be implemented.

Parameters	Limit Levels ( $\mu$ g/L) for Groundwater Recharging to Recharge Well
TPH C10 -C14	56*
TPH C15 - C28	224*
TPH C29 - C36	110*
Cd#	1
Cu#	500
Hg <sup>#</sup>	1

#### Table 4.1 Limit Levels for Recharging Groundwater

\* The limit levels for recharging groundwater would be the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of the recorded baseline levels at recharge well.

<sup>#</sup> The baseline levels of Cd, Cu & Hg at recharge well are below the TM-Water Effluent Limits, so the TM-Water Effluent limits are taken as limit levels.

Event	Action							
LVCIII	ET Leader	IEC	ER	Contractor				
Ground water	<ol> <li>Notify IEC and the</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Review with</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Confirm receipt of</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Reduce the</li> </ol>				
level at recharge	Contractor.	analysed results	notification of	recharge rate AND				
point exceeds	<ol><li>Carry out</li></ol>	submitted by ET.	exceedance in	/ OR				
1m from	investigation and	<ol><li>Review the</li></ol>	writing.	<ol><li>Suspend the</li></ol>				
baseline	repeat monitoring	proposed remedial	<ol><li>Notify the</li></ol>	recharge until the				
	of the well to clarify	measures by the	Contractor.	groundwater level				
	the result.	Contractor and	<ol><li>Require the</li></ol>	at recharge points				

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 Table 4.2
 Event and Action Plan for Groundwater Recharging







Evont		Action				
Event	ET Leader	IEC	ER	Contractor		
	<ol> <li>Report the results of investigation to IEC and the Contractor.</li> <li>Discuss with the Contractor and formulate remedial measures.</li> <li>Increase monitoring frequency to check mitigation measures.</li> </ol>	advise ER accordingly. 3. Supervise the implement of remedial measures.	Contractor to propose remedial measures for the analysed groundwater problem. 4. Ensure remedial measures are properly implemented.	falls back to less than 1m difference with the baseline		
Pollution level of recharging groundwater exceed the baseline levels <sup>[1]</sup> / the pollution levels at the monitoring well	<ol> <li>Notify IEC and the Contractor.</li> <li>Carry out investigation and repeat monitoring for 3 consecutive days to clarify the result.</li> <li>Review results of 3 consecutive days.</li> <li>Report the results of investigation to IEC and the Contractor.</li> <li>Discuss with the Contractor and formulate remedial measures.</li> <li>Increase monitoring frequency to check mitigation measures.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Review with analysed results submitted by ET.</li> <li>Review the proposed remedial measures by the Contractor and advise ER accordingly.</li> <li>Supervise the implement of remedial measures.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Confirm receipt of notification of exceedance in writing.</li> <li>Notify the Contractor.</li> <li>Require the Contractor to propose remedial measures for the analysed groundwater problem.</li> <li>Ensure remedial measures are properly implemented.</li> </ol>	If samples for 3 consecutive days indicate exceedance of baseline levels, then: 1. Suspend the recharge OR 2. Carry out maintenance on sedimentation tank and carbon filter.		

Note:

[1]: The baseline levels (Limit Levels) for recharging water are presented in Table 4-1.

# 4.5 Contingency Measures

In this Working Plan, the recharging operation has been proposed to be undertaken at Recharge Point R. Due to the limited working space within the site, more recharging wells may be necessary to supplement and/or replace the currently proposed Recharge Point R as the work progresses. Should such circumstances occur, new baseline values will be obtained for the newly proposed recharge wells after suitable locations have been determined. Using the basis as discussed in Section 4.4, the use of treatment facilities will depend on the values of the baseline at the extraction wells and recharge wells. Accordingly, an updated Working Plan will be submitted for EPD's approval per the EP requirements.

# 5 CONCLUSION

This Working Plan sets forth the procedures for baseline and impact monitoring of the groundwater resulting from the dewatering processes for the KDB200 Contract. Sampling and testing requirements as recommended in the EIA have been adopted for the Plan. For the purposes of this Working Plan, extracted groundwater from Points S1, S2, S3 and S4 will be recharged into Recharge Point R within the site, subject to pretreatment via a sediment tank and an activated carbon filter system







prior to recharge. Treatment of the groundwater will be subject to compliance with the Limit Levels and Event and Action Plan detailed in Tables 4-1 and 4-2 respectively.





## **APPENDIX A**

# ANALYTICAL METHODS AND REPORTING LIMITS FOR GROUNDWATER SAMPLES

Analyse Description	Reference Method	Reporting Limit
		(μ <b>g/L</b> )
Cadmium	USEPA 6020	1
Copper		1
Mercury	APHA 3112B	0.5
C10 – C14	USEPA 8015/ GCFID	25
C15 – C28	USEPA 8260/Purge &	
C29 – C36	Trap GCMS	





# APPENDIX B GROUNDWATER MONITORING LAYOUT PLAN





	SCALE				
CUNTRACT KDB200		AS SHO	WN		
	ORIGINATO	R ORIGI	NATOR REF	ERENC	Έ
	LBBKJH				
JPOSED RECHARGING OPERATION	DRAWING N	IUMBER			REV
	I KUDO	nn /cr	/ 047	,	-
FOR GROUND WATER	KUD2	.00/36	/ 041		E
	RAILWAY	LOCATION	STAGE	SHEE	T NO
	KSL	WKN	7	10	JF 1





APPENDIX C Specifications of Activated Carbon Filter System



# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

NO. 1387

TO : Link 200 JV HONG KONG

# **FOR** : ACTIVATED CARBON FILTER SYSTEM

Hydrex offers to furnish, subject to terms and conditions contained herein, the equipment and materials described in this proposal which is based upon the specifications and information supplied by the Purchaser.

This proposal shall not become a contract or binding until its acceptance by the Purchaser and approval of an officer of Hydrex.

The information contained in this proposal is confidential and proprietary in nature and is transmitted to the Purchaser for its sole use. By accepting this proposal the Purchaser agrees not to disclose the contents to any unauthorized person without an approval from Hydrex.

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#### 1. <u>ACTIVATED CARBON FILTER</u>

One activated carbon filters shall be provided for the removal of organics from the treated water. Each filter shall consist of a steel tank, internals (underdrain with strainers), rate of flow indicator, pressure gages, manhole, supporting legs, manual operating valves and granular activated carbon. All internal surfaces of the tanks will be lined with epoxy.

Number of Units Manufacturer Type Capacity per Unit Size, Dia x Str. Height Filtration Rate **Backwash Flow** Shell Thickness Tank Head Thickness **Design/Test Pressure** Valve & Main Pipe Sizes Service: Backwash Rinse Control Valve Type Underdrain **Interior Finishing Exterior Finishing Coarse Sand Volume** Carbon Volume Strainer Material

One (1)Hydrex design (locally fabricated) Vertical pressure type  $40 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$ Ø 2400 x Str. Height 1,220 mm  $8.84 \text{ m}^3/\text{m}^2/\text{hr}$  $140 \text{ m}^{3}/\text{hr}$ 6 mm, Q235A 8 mm, Q235A 5.0/ 7.5 bar 100 mm 150 mm 75 mm Butterfly valves, manual operation Header/ laterals with coarse sand subfill. Sand blasted, coal tar epoxy painted Sand blasted, coal tar epoxy painted 1.4 m3 3.15 m3 PP





APPENDIX D Site History – The Potential Contaminated Sites











# APPENDIX E

# AMBIENT BASELINE MONITORING RESULTS

# Point S1 (25 February 2006 - 3 March 2006)

Monitoring Parameters	Cadmium	Copper	Mercury				
TM-Water Effluent Limit for inshore water of VHWCZ (mg/L)	0.001	0.5	0.001				
Reporting Limit (µg/L)	1	1	0.5				
Date	Base	Baseline Monitoring Results, (µg/L)					
25/02/2006 (Sat)	<1	1	<0.5				
26/02/2006 (Sun)	<1	<1	<0.5				
27/02/2006 (Mon)	<1	1	<0.5				
28/02/2006 (Tue)	<1	<1	<0.5				
01/03/2006 (Wed)	<1	<1	<0.5				
02/03/2006 (Thu)	<1	<1	<0.5				
03/03/2006 (Fri)	<1	<1	<0.5				

# Point S1 (25 May 2006 - 31 May 2006)

Monitoring Parameters	Total Petro	leum Hydroc	arbons	Codmium	•	
Monitoring Farameters	C10-C14	C15-C28	C29-C36	Cadmium	Copper	Mercury
TM-Water Effluent Limit for inshore water of VHWCZ (mg/L)				0.001	0.5	0.001
Reporting Limit (µg/L)	25	25	25	1	1	0.5
Date		Baseli	ine Monitorin	g Results, (μ	ŋ/L)	
25/05/2006 (Thu)	<25	50	<25	<1	1	<0.5
26/05/2006 (Fri)	<25	26	<25	<1	1	<0.5
27/05/2006 (Sat)	<25	<25	<25	<1	1	<0.5
28/05/2006 (Sun)	<25	27	<25	<1	2	<0.5
29/05/2006 (Sun)	<25	<25	<25	<1	2	<0.5
30/05/2006 (Mon)	<25	<25	<25	<1	1	<0.5
31/05/2006 (Tue)	<25	<25	<25	<1	1	<0.5

# Point S2 (27 April 2006 - 4 May 2006)

Monitoring Parameters	Total Petro	leum Hydroc	arbons	Codmium		
Monitoring Parameters	C10 -C14	C15 - C28	C29 - C36	Cadmium	Copper	Mercury
TM-Water Effluent Limit for inshore water of VHWCZ (mg/L)				0.001	0.5	0.001
Reporting Limit (µg/L)	25	25	25	1	1	0.5
Date		Baseli	ine Monitorin	g Results, (μ	g/L)	
27/04/2006 (Thu)	<25	95	43	<1	1	<0.5
28/04/2006 (Fri)	<25	93	52	<1	<1	<0.5
29/04/2006 (Sat)	<25	433	277	<1	8	<0.5
30/04/2006 (Sun)	<25	87	<25	<1	25	<0.5
01/05/2006 (Mon)	<25	78	26	<1	<1	<0.5
02/05/2006 (Tue)	<25	219	143	<1	1	<0.5
04/05/2006 (Thu)	<25	128	42	<1	1	<0.5

# Point S3 (27 April 2006 - 4 May 2006)

Monitoring Parameters	Total Petro	leum Hydroc	arbons	Cadmium	0	
Monitoring Farameters	C10 -C14	C15 - C28	C29 - C36	Cadmium	Copper	Mercury
TM-Water Effluent Limit for inshore water of VHWCZ (mg/L)				0.001	0.5	0.001
Reporting Limit (µg/L)	25	25	25	1	1	0.5
Date		Baseli	ine Monitorin	g Results, (μ	ŋ/L)	
27/04/2006 (Thu)	<25	125	63	<1	2	<0.5
28/04/2006 (Fri)	36	247	200	<1	3	<0.5
29/04/2006 (Sat)	<25	246	172	<1	2	<0.5
30/04/2006 (Sun)	<25	83	<25	<1	10	<0.5
01/05/2006 (Mon)	<25	75	<25	<1	27	<0.5
02/05/2006 (Tue)	27	88	<25	<1	5	<0.5
04/05/2006 (Thu)	62	403	316	<1	2	<0.5

# Point S4 (27 April 2006 - 4 May 2006)

Monitoring Parameters	Total Petro	leum Hydroc	arbons	0.1.1		
Monitoring Parameters	C10 -C14	C15 - C28	C29 - C36	Cadmium	Copper	Mercury
TM-Water Effluent Limit for inshore water of VHWCZ (mg/L)				0.001	0.5	0.001
Reporting Limit (µg/L)	25	25	25	1	1	0.5
Date		Baseli	ine Monitorin	g Results, (μ	g/L)	
27/04/2006 (Thu)	29	454	857	<1	2	<0.5
28/04/2006 (Fri)	45	435	279	<1	2	<0.5
29/04/2006 (Sat)	26	146	47	<1	2	<0.5
30/04/2006 (Sun)	60	461	240	<1	<1	<0.5
01/05/2006 (Mon)	31	129	<25	<1	3	<0.5
02/05/2006 (Tue)	34	131	<25	<1	<1	<0.5
04/05/2006 (Thu)	28	153	36	<1	2	<0.5

# Point C (8 May 2006 - 14 May 2006)

Monitoring Parameters	Total Petro	leum Hydroc	arbons	Codmium	0	
Monitoring Parameters	C10 -C14	C15 - C28	C29 - C36	Cadmium	Copper	Mercury
TM-Water Effluent Limit for inshore water of VHWCZ (mg/L)				0.001	0.5	0.001
Reporting Limit (µg/L)	25	25	25	1	1	0.5
Date		Baseli	ine Monitorin	g Results, (µg	ŗ/L)	
08/05/2006 (Mon)	<25	201	227	<1	6	<0.5
09/05/2006 (Tue)	<25	75	50	<1	10	<0.5
10/05/2006 (Wed)	<25	94	44	<1	6	<0.5
11/05/2006 (Thu)	<25	87	69	<1	9	<0.5
12/05/2006 (Fri)	<25	87	62	<1	9	<0.5
13/05/2006 (Sat)	<25	89	57	<1	5	<0.5
14/05/2006 (Sun)	<25	137	176	<1	<1	<0.5

Monitoring Parameters	Total Petro	leum Hydroc	arbons	Codmium		
Monitoring Parameters	C10 -C14	C15 - C28	C29 - C36	Cadmium	Copper	Mercury
TM-Water Effluent Limit for inshore water of VHWCZ (mg/L)				0.001	0.5	0.001
Reporting Limit (µg/L)	25	25	25	1	1	0.5
Date		Baseli	ine Monitorin	g Results, (μ	g/L)	
08/05/2006 (Mon)	60	237	85	<1	<1	<0.5
09/05/2006 (Tue)	32	173	63	<1	2	<0.5
10/05/2006 (Wed)	<25	118	34	<1	2	<0.5
11/05/2006 (Thu)	<25	86	25	<1	2	<0.5
12/05/2006 (Fri)	<25	90	32	<1	2	<0.5
13/05/2006 (Sat)	25	110	42	<1	2	<0.5
14/05/2006 (Sun)	28	192	120	<1	2	<0.5

# Point R (8 May 2006 - 14 May 2006)

# Point M1 (8 May 2006 - 14 May 2006)

Monitoring Parameters	Total Petro	leum Hydroc	arbons	Codmium	0	
Monitoring Farameters	C10 -C14	C15 - C28	C29 - C36	Cadmium	Copper	wercury
TM-Water Effluent Limit for inshore water of VHWCZ (mg/L)				0.001	0.5	0.001
Reporting Limit (µg/L)	25	25	25	1	1	0.5
Date		Baseli	ine Monitorin	g Results, (μ	ŗ/L)	
08/05/2006 (Mon)	<25	120	79	<1	2	<0.5
09/05/2006 (Tue)	<25	129	94	<1	2	<0.5
10/05/2006 (Wed)	<25	104	77	<1	1	<0.5
11/05/2006 (Thu)	<25	97	71	<1	1	<0.5
12/05/2006 (Fri)	<25	81	48	<1	1	<0.5
13/05/2006 (Sat)	<25	104	83	<1	2	<0.5
14/05/2006 (Sun)	<25	96	62	<1	2	<0.5



# Point M2 (8 May 2006 - 14 May 2006)

Monitoring Parameters	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons				Common	Marray
	C10 -C14	C15 - C28	C29 - C36	Caamium	Copper	wercury
TM-Water Effluent Limit for inshore water of VHWCZ (mg/L)				0.001	0.5	0.001
Reporting Limit (µg/L)	25	25	25	1	1	0.5
Date	Baseline Monitoring Results, (μg/L)					
08/05/2006 (Mon)	<25	218	115	<1	1	<0.5
09/05/2006 (Tue)	<25	252	73	<1	<1	<0.5
10/05/2006 (Wed)	<25	158	50	<1	1	<0.5
11/05/2006 (Thu)	<25	173	59	<1	1	<0.5
12/05/2006 (Fri)	<25	107	28	<1	1	<0.5
13/05/2006 (Sat)	<25	107	52	<1	1	<0.5
14/05/2006 (Sun)	<25	167	51	<1	<1	<0.5